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SUBJECT: UNGA - CANADA DECLINES MAKE REPRESENTATION ABROAD
ON CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS.

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1. EXTAFF DIRECTOR OF UNPOL AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BROWN INFORMED POLITICAL COUNSELOR NOV 23 THAT THE GOC HAD DECIDED NOT RPT NOT INSTRUCT ITS FIELD POSTS TO MAKE PARALLEL DEMARCHES IN SUPPORT OF US EFFORT TO RESIST AFRICAN MOVE AT UN TO EXCLUDE "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" FROM COVERAGE OF PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS CONVENTION. RATHER, BROWN SAID, THEY BELIEVED MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO ACHIEVE GOAL -- WHICH CANADA SHARES WITH US -- IS FOR CANADIAN UN MISSION TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS WITH

THOSE OTHER MISSIONS IT BELIEVES WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE. CANADIAN MISSION HAS BEEN SO INSTRUCTED.

2. BROWN SAID THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE IN A TIGHT AND RAPIDLY MOVING SITUATION IN WHICH INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD COULD BE OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS IN NEW YORK, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF INDICATIONS THAT SOME AFRICAN DELEGATIONS SEEMED PREPARED TO MODERATE POSITION. MOREOVER, REPRESENTATIONS BY CANADA IN
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SOME OF THE CAPITALS RISKED, IN THEIR VIEW, STRIKING PEOPLE

WRONG-WAY AND INDEED COULD PROVE TO BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE,
SAID BROWN. THUS, HE SAID, WHILE CANADA SHARES US CONCERN ABOUT
AFRICAN ARTICLE, THEY HAVE CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DO
EVERYTHING THEY COULD IN NEW YORK.
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